## **NEWS MISCELLANY**

BITS OF QUEER AND INTEREST. ING ITEMS

npiled from the Drag Net of Daffy Happenings—Matters of More Than Passing Interest.

FOREIGN.
The commander of the British destroyer Delphin reports that he sank the German submarine U-56 west of Huelva, Spain. 1 The Germans state that neither this nor any other German submarine has been sunk in this

Baron Devonport, the British food controller, has decided that the quantity of beer to be brewed for the year shall be restricted to 70 per cent of the output of the previous year.

The official figures show the total losses of airplanes in the great war during 1916 to have been 1,005. these the entente forces lost 784, the Germans 221.

Six large submarines, four British and two Italian, together with the 14,000-ton British armored cruiser Leviathan, have been added to the British naval base at Bermuda.

at has been established that 300 were killed by the recent explosion in a London munitions factory.

About 50 Sinn Feiners rushed to the platform from which Thomas Lundon was addressing a Limerick meeting and beat him with clubs. Brig. Gen. W. C. MacDonald was

killed and four others were badly injured when a light engine backed into the crowds at the union station at To-The Dutch steamer Prins Henrik,

which was taken into Zeebrugge by German torpedo craft, has been re leased by the German authorities. The British - steamship Toftwood,

carrying a cargo worth \$750,000, was submarined and sunk on her voyage, according to advices.

#### COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Henry W. McBryde of Ardmore Ok., pleaded guilty to the murder of Frank R. McLaren, a wealthy Taylor, Tex., citizen, and was sentenced to 99 years in the penitentiary.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Gore of Chicago are parted, after 10 years of married life, 'A former husband of Mrs. Gore turned up, and Judge Thomson annulled the marriage.

Newton Spradling, former gauger in the internal revenue service, was acquitted in the Arkansas federal court of the charge of complicity in an alleged moonshine conspiracy.

A pedcairian has the right of way over an automobile in crossing a street, Circuit Judge Oscar M. Fritz ruled in awarding Frank Kickow \$5,000 damages for injuries suffered in an auto crash.

## ACCIDENTS.

United States Senator Robert Owen of Oklahoma was struck and slightly injured by an automobile at Okla-

Eighteen persons were killed in the collapse of the Sonora hotel, a two story structure in Cananea, Mexico. DOMESTIC (

George W. Adan . jitney driver of Springfield, fil., was killed when a Frisco passenger train backing in the yards collided with his automobile.

## NECROLOGICAL.

Ben Blewett, superintendent of the public schools of St. Louis, droppe dead at Washington, D. C., of heart disease while addressing a com mittee of the Congres of Constructive Patriotism, to which he was a dele

The Rev. Henry Faulkaner Varnell, 86, retired Episcopal clergyman and an author, is dead at his Philadelphia

Clifford Cherry, 400 pounds, largest man ever in thee Illinois leg-islature, and former husband of "the ily of Fox River Valley," is dead.

W. A. Northcutt of Springfield, Ill. former lieutenant governor of that state and head of the Modern Woodmen, is dead of acute dilation of the

DOMESTIC. Expressing "a very real interest' in the extension of suffrage, President Wilson wrote Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, congratulating the suffrag ists on obtaining passage of suffrage legislation by the North Dakota as-

In an attack by 20 persons on a coal train en route from mines south of Danville, Ill., to Chicago, on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad, armed guards on the train shot Lewis Butler and Burley Newman.

President Wilson's plan to visit the capitol frequently, urging action on his legislative program, was attacked in the senate by Senator Jones, Republican, who declared it indicated a course of "systematic lobbying" by

President Wilson has signed the bill passed by congress recently opening to settlement and sale 40,000 acres in Arizona comprising an auxillary reclamation project.

An earnest appeal to Gen. Carranza to spare the lives of two Mexican Roman Catholic priests arrested near Mexico City and charged with sedition has been made by the state de-

Limited woman suffrage will become effective in North Dakota July

Representative Rucker or Missouri chairman of the house committee on inaugural arrangements, announced a contract had been awarded for the construction of a grandstand with a seating capacity of 10,000.

## POLITICAL

Speaker Best of the Colorado legis lature ordered the sergeant-at-arms to exclude from the house floor all persons interested for or against any measure before the legislature.

William F. Scott, 67 years old, only negro who ever ran for president of the United States, is dead at Springfield, Ill. Scott was the candidate of the Liberal party in 1896.

Just as the Arkanias senate com pleted voting favorably on a bill prohibiting the shipment of liquor into Arkansas for any but medical or sacramental purposes, the passage of a bill identical in wording by the house was announced.

#### GENERAL.

Under an order signed in surro-gate's court, \$500,000 will be paid at once to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt as part of the bequest made to her by the will of Mrs. Frank Leslie, to promote the cause of woman's suffrage.

Rather than see Pairick Riley, a eds in growing high class fruits, have friendless tramp, buried in a pauper's begun to crowd out the Missouri prodgrave, residents of Avon, Ill., gave uct. Many Missouri orchardists have him a public funeral.

Looking in mi-lady's letter is the ods of spraying and other orchard same as peeping in her boudoir, a operations. However, this neglect has Collfornia judge told Postman Iverbeen largely confined to old plantings. son, who pleaded guilty to pecking into a letter his former sweetheart

"Fifth avenue isnt so swell," is the how a vast acreage of rough timber verdict of Miss Louise Schen, "the land can be made to add millions of queen of Alaska." But, then, she's prejudiced. She mistook a wine list incidentally make men rich. Our 1916 or a prayer book.

After searching two years for his at 10 million dollars. In 1915 our crop missing wife, J. H. Ralston, a million-aire coal operator of Middleboro, Ky., found her body in a morgue.

Thousands of men were thrown out of work and a score of big industrial plants closed as a result of one of the biggest floods in recent years sweeping down the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio rivers.

A stone image of Kwan-Yin, Chinese goddess of mercy, has been purchased from Paul Poiret of Paris by a firm of art dealers for \$200,000.

Francis Jones, a negro subway porter in New York, threw a bucket of water on what he thought was burning paper and went back to work. When he discovered it was a bomb he fell down a flight of stairs.

## CRIMINAL

Judge Sager, negro, is in jail under last four years he has made a net guard to prevent lynching. The black killed Sheriff Marvin Mulder of Elmore county, Ala., when the officer attempted to arrest him.

Frank Emmanuel, betrayed by his wife, confessed he murdered William Morgason near Topeka in 1907, for which crime Irish Van Horn served nine years.

Because his 16-month-old baby annoyed him by crying, Anthony Przreski of Chicago stripped its clothes from its body and poured bolling water upon it, his wife told Judge Ba-

rasa. Tony was fined \$200. Walter Harold, 23, of Toronto, Canada, is held on a charge of murdering his 3-month-old baby as it lay asleep and his 18-year-old wife. After the shooting Harold tried to kill himself.

Police raiding a seven-handed poker game in the gloomy antercom of a Chicago morgue were amazed to find two detective sergeants and a policeman in full uniform playing.

Taking advantage of the owner's death and while he lay in his coffin awaiting burial, burglars broke into Dennis Moran's saloon at Pana, Ill., crossing. and carried off a large portion of his

Harry Terry of Cincinnati shot and killed his wife, Mrs. Lillian Black Terry, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Victoria Black, and seriously wounded his wifes cousin, Mrs. L. M. Spur-

## PERSONAL.

John B. Sayers, 79, of Black Creek, was married to Mrs. Euncile Drew, 72, of Cuba, N. Y.

C. G. Moore, Chicago hotel manager, bought a \$2 share in a \$19,000 pearl necklace during the allied bazaar. He has presented the necklace

to Mrs. Moore. Rev. Richard W. Travis, 70 years old, of Duane Methodist Episcopal church, New York, announces that he will wed Mrs. Julia L. Hammond, 53,

At Billy Sundays last service at Boston the collection totaled over

## FIRES.

Assistant Fire Chief Fred Gilliam of Seattle, Wash., was killed and another man is missing and eight men injured in an opera house fire.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Young Dutton, one of the most enthusiastic sympathizers with warstricken Europe, has disappeared from Chicago, with \$1,500 he collected for war sufferers.

Because he smiled when a masked bandit who had entered the prescrip tion room of his drug store commanded him to hold up his hands, Dr. D M. McMahan is in the Denver hospital with but slight chances of life.

A bid of \$2,400 secured the original manuscript of Eugene Field's poem, "Little Boy Blue," at the allied bazaar by John McCormack.

A bill offered in the legislature makes cigarette smeking in West Virginia a criminal offense and possession of cigarettes a misdemeanor. | ter. Mrs. O. Angel

## GOOD ROADS AT LOW COST

ludge Lowe Points Out How State Could Build Highways at Four-teen Cente an Acre.

President of Nurserymen Says Under the provisions of house bill No. 1, introduced last week at Jefferon City by Harry B. Hawes, the state highway engineer, subject to the approval of the state highway board, to designate a system of state high-ways, not to exceed 4,000 miles of

Possibilities of Missouri

are Neglected.

by Use of Up-to-Date Methods

in Other States.

not kept pace with the improved meth-

veals the alumost unlimited possibili-

crop of only 2,700,000 barrels is valued

was 6,280,000 barrels, only New York,

ably greater than in any other state. These embrace virtually all of the

Ozark Mountain region, the hill land

along the Missouri and Mississippi rivers and all of the state's thin land.

Here is an instance of what can be

"E. S. Page, a Pike county farmer,

paid \$7 an acre sixteen years ago for

forty acres of rough land well up in what we call 'the knobs,' He cleared

this land and planted an orchard. The

profit from his apple crops of from

Accident Injured Five.

Acetylene Explosion Injures Two.

Wreck Fatal to Webb City Man.

collision there. Brakes on an elec-

Aged Man Burned in Home.

St. Joseph Bank Records Broken.

St. Joseph were broken recently when

Train Kills Jitney Driver.

Baby Left at Priest's Door.

Catholic church, at Monett found a

baby boy on his doorstep the other

paper, the Visitor, was pinned on the

Buy Site for Sikeston Postoffice.

at Sikeston has been purchased by the

Etta McMullin for \$7,500. The \$60,

600 was appropriated in 1915, but the

money will not be available until 1918.

Sikeston Fair Directors Re-Elected.

Member of Quantrell's Band Dead.

J. M. Sheppard, 91 years old, who

United States government from

A lot for the new \$60,000 postoffice

The heading of the Catholic

the total rose to \$78,780,195.66.

the total was \$75,564,638.05.

All records for bank transactions in

John Walters, 76 years old, of La

done with such land:

\$2,500 to \$3,000.

taken to a hospital.

These are matters of deepest in-

city, recently

#### ORCHARDISTS BEHIND TIMES Judge J. M. Lowe, president of the National Old Trails Road Association, Missouri Fruit Is Being Crowded Out

who has been asked to aid in obtaining the road legislation now sought in order to give Missouri an opportunity o avail itself of the 236 million dellars appropriated in federal aid, makes "Missouri is not, in my opinion, in these suggestions: the least bit of danger of losing her "Many people believe the state syscoveted title, 'The Land of the Big

tem should be defined and adiantemby Red Apple, but in apple production she is not holding her own," said Lloyd the present legislature, as has been C. Stark, president of the Western done in Ohio and many other states. However, the main thing is to get a Association of Nurserymen, at Kansas system. The Hawes bill is practicable and, in the main, a fine one. There "Many years Missouri has been conare more fights in the road question sidered among the foremost fruit prothan in a barrel of moonshine whisky, ducing states, but in recent years a but now that the general governmen number of other states, whose fruit is pointing the way, the state legislagrowers have adopted up-to-date methture should neither halt nor hesitate to meet it in a spirit of fairness and liberality. The 2½ million dollars appropriatted to this state will likely be quadrupled before the end of the five ears' limitation, if we accept it in the proper spirit and take hold of the pportunity to build real roads.

"A little study of the situation re-"As indicating how easily this may be done, Missouri has 43,156,212 acres ties Missouri affords in fruit growing, of land, assessed at \$458,972,026. "There are 717.084 town lots, assessed at \$753,804,180; personal prop-

dollars to the state's resources and erty, corporations, etc., \$396,089,766; total, \$1,149,893,940. "Thirty-five hundred miles, at an av rage cost of \$6,000 a mile, will be 21 million dollars. Less the government

with 8,246,000 barrels, having a larger appropriation of 21/2 million dollars, 1814 million dollars. terest to the state and of particular "If 20-year state bonds were issued, significance to farmers and other land farm lands would pay only one-third of it, or \$6,166,666, about fourteen cents an acre, or 7-10 of a cent an acre an-"The number of acres of idle land in Missouri unfit for cereal crops, but A 160-acre farm would well adapted to fruit culture, is prob-\$22.40 in 20 years, or \$1.12 annually, provided the government makes no

### further appropriations." MAKES FRUIT COME HIGHER

#### Middlemen Charged 160 Per Cent Profit for Handling Apples, Says a Missouri Dealer.

Robert Shoush, a Macon dealer in tuit and flowers, received recently from the Quincy (Ill.) Produce Com-pany a barrel of Jonathan apples, with a bill for \$6.50. In going through the apples Mr. Shoush found this written on a piece of paper:

Dear Sir: This barrel of apples was Clyde Foster, a railway clerk, may tacked by Alfred Lepper, rural route Quincy, Illinois, and was sold for die and four other persons are seriously injured as a result of a motor \$2.50. Please write me and tell me accident west of Hannibal. The what you paid for them.

machine turned over. Foster suffered a concussion of the brain and was Mr. Shoush has supplied the producer with the information called for. He showed Mr. Lepper's note to the traveling salesman of the firm from which he purchased the apples and A. J. W. Goddard, a farmer, and his asked what would be the price of an-wife were sitting in the living room of other barrel of the same sort.

their home near Marshall when the replied the acetylene lighting tank in the base- man.

ment exploded, throwing both of them | For years the orchard men of Northagainst the wall, breaking two of Mrs. crn Missouri have been complaining Goddard's ribs and severely bruising about the low price they received for their product, and many have abandoned the business rather than go to the endless trouble of pruning and spraying and guarding against late Paul E. Stout of Webb City is dead frosts for the small reward offered. from injuries received in a railroad Some of the larger orchard men about tric work car were ineffective, and Macon are planning the establishment of a cold storage house there so the Frisco passenger train No. 327, St. producers may hold their output until Louis to Wichita, hit the car at a the market is right.

## Seven Stores Burned at Sparta. The south half of the business dis

belle was burned to death when his trict of Sparta, Christian county, burned the other night. Seven stores home was set on fire by a defective were burned. The total loss was about flue. His aged wife was able to escape

## Boy Shot by Playmate.

Thomas Young, 15 years old, was accidentally shot with a small caliber rifle by Conley Bailey, a playmate, previous record was made for the while out shooting near Lexington. week ending December 21, 1916, when The bullet entered his back near the spine. He may recover.

To Bury Pershing's Uncle Again George W. Adams, driver of a jit-A telegram from General John J. Pershing to H. C. Turner of Montgomney, was instantly killed at Springfield when a passenger train which ery says he has forwarded instructions was backing in the local Frisco yards to him regarding the body of his collided with his car at a street crossuncle, Col. L. A. Thompson, who died at Leavenworth, and was buried there. About one hundred prominent citizens sent former Sheriff Charles Wilson to Father Kilkenny of the St. Lawrence Leavenworth to disinter the body and

## Mexico Shoe Merchant Dead.

Thompson was a prominent citizen

bring it to Montgomery.

Roy Mitchell, 29 years old, member the Davis-Mitchell Shoe company, of Mexico, died in a clothing store there as he was using a telephone. the Rev. C. A. Mitchell, a Baptist minister.

Rich St. Joseph Woman Dead. Mrs. Zeildia Forsee, 50 years old Stockholders of the Southeast Fair Association held their annual meeting died recently in St. Joseph. Mrs. For and re-elected the former board of disee leaves a valuable estate, mostly in realty, which originally was a part rectors at Sikeston. The directors of the 3-million-dollar Corby estate are: A. C. Sikes, J. H. Galener, A. E. Mathews, E. C. Mathews and Harry

She had lived there sixty years. Coal Dealers' Profits Small? Retail coal dealers at Springfield ere absolved of any abuses in the served two and a half years in Quan sale of coal, following an investigatrell's band in the Civil War, is dead tion by the city council. It was found in Nevada at the home of his daughthat less than thirty cents profit was made on a ton of coal.

# Americans Working for French Blind Soldiers

Devoted men and women from the United States teach warriors who have lost their sight certain vocations by which they can earn a living

BY DOROTHY CANFIELD FISHER.



AR-TIME Paris is cuttoff big new street signs, flag-surmounted, announcing in very large letters the existence of war philanthropies of one kind and another for the relief of those strick-

en by the disasters of this disastrous age. No signs are bigger, none have larger letters than surmounted by the crossed ilags of France and the United States which announce that a Franco-American committee is at work there.

And yet one of the most interesting, unique and valuable of these fine American philanthropies has no big sign, no large letters and is so little known in America that I am sure description of its work will be news to most Americans, and very good news at that. This is the Phare de France (the French Lighthouse for the Blind). It is supported by the Franco-American Committee for Men Blinded in Battle, and is under the direction of Miss Winifred Holt, whose years of work at the American Lighthouse for the Blind in New York has so marvelously transformed life for the blind of that city.

She has been in France for a little more than a year, throwing herself into work for men blinded in battle with the same tremendous energy and indomitable perseverance which has accomplished so much for the blind in America. The French Lighthouse is the result of that year's activity

Into Quiet Courtyard. Imagine that you are now about to visit that Institution under the guid-ance of one of the volunteer workers, perhaps that charming young granddaughter of our President Grant, to whom is often assigned the task of street of the Russian church, with its gold-tipped domes.

The heavy door swings open, you courtward, with a handsome old palace facing you, at the top of a flight of broad steps. A soldier or an officer in a natty uniform is probably either going nimbly up or coming confidently down those steps, swinging a light bamboo cane. His alert, upright bear-

ing give you no hint of his blindness. If you follow him as he turns to his the publication by this press of a seleft, you find yourself in a well ries of manuals in raised type, which which is, so your guide tells you, the tion. only thing of the sort in France, Your blind soldier (who is enjoying a rest dashing swoop about the polished gym-

nasium floor. His face is soon tingling and glowing with the exercise, the strong rhythmic swing of his body is exhilarating to witness. Your guide murmurs that four months ago that man was in a hospital, alone, sick, utterly discouraged, life a black abyss of despair before him. Here is one of the achievements of the French Light-

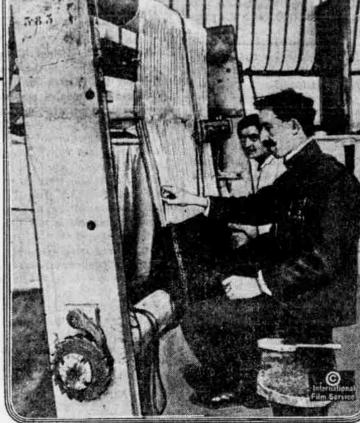
"But is he really blind?" you ask incredulously. "How can he have won back that fine physical poise, that splendid confidence in his body which means so much for seeing people and which we never associate with the

## America's Great Gift.

"Ah, that is the special secret of this American institution, the especial gift of America to the French blind Our blind soldier, his interval of recreation gone by, has slipped off his roller skates and stepped quickly into a nearby room. His blindness only revealed by a flourish of his light canto make sure of the position of the

He has gone to take a lesson in massage, which is one of the most profitable means of livelihood open to men without eyes. Like all his fel lows in the Phare, he takes very short lessons; with frequent intervals of recreation and change of occupation, ecause war blindness means nearly always head wounds and head wounds ean a brain that must not be overtaxed.

We leave him to his study of the skeleton, the big plaster casts of muscular arms and legs, and to his expert while we turn to other things Our guide takes us back through the



ably look blank. Shower baths are their cigarettes and pull down their not such uncommon objects as all that. | well-fitting uniforms, before they take Oh, but they are, she tells you, in France, for the blind! So uncommon, in fact, that only at the Phare you are visiting can blind men, after exercising, have the stimulating tonic of showering water, which helps so much to tone up the system shattered by the nervous shock of wounds. This is one of the Americanisms of the Phare,

Look at it respectfully.

At the door of the court your guide hesitates between possibilities and showing visitors about. You ring at then decides to show you the printing No. 14 on the Rue Daru, the quiet old press in the big room above the gymnasium. This is an American machine, the only electric press which prints books for the blind in France. step into a large, peaceful, stone-paved By the time this article appears the first issue of a monthly magazine for the blind will have been issued from this press.

## Blind Editor Busy.

The magazine is under the direction of a blind editor, who with a corps of the entire Braille system of instrucseeing assistants (volunteers), will tion at the Pennsylvania Institute for also, during the winter, arrange for the Blind and has been working for the blind, will help the blind in their re

You descend the stairs, glance in at the gymnasium, where a couple of between lessons) stoops, puts on a blind men are now fencing under the pair of roller skates, and is off in a careful direction of a teacher, and your guide tells you that the teacher is perhaps the best-known master of arms in France. In splite of being mobilized he manages to come three times a week to give himself to his blind comrades.

You cross the court to the room of the handlernfts. Here you see sights which, if you are inexperienced in what may be done for the blind, seem miraculous to you. You see a one ermed blind man who in five weeks has learned to manage a knitting ma chine so that he can earn a good living by knitting sweaters and bands. You see another blind soldier with only one arm who is weaving successfully by means of a device of his own invention, which enables him to make one foot do the work of his missing hand. You see blind men wenving colored rugs with but slightly more supervision than is usually given to sighted weavers, and others who are making filet work.

Then your guide steers you away and astonishes you by saying that you have not yet even set foot inside the main building proper. This main building is a beautiful old palace, belonging to the Vatican. The entrance hall is a nobly proportioned room, which serves as a general meeting place.

You Are Astonished. Here come wives, sisters, sweethearts to visit with their men, to hear

of progress made in re-education, to walk in the pleasant paths of the nearteachers of stenography, typeclay modeling, who daily fill the great war-relief organizations, rooms of the old palace with such useknown before. Here the blind men

shower both room and pauses proud- as they step out of the dining room If you are an American you prob- adjoining, pause for a moment to light their brisk way along the ingeniously placed paths of coen matting.

Now you are to see the stenographic department. Everyone who uses a typewriter knows that the best work s done without looking at the keys; and this means that in typewriting the blind are perhaps more nearly on a footing of equality with the seeing than in any other gainful occupation.

Your guide (remember that she is the granddaughter of our General Grant) stops to chat for a moment to one of the tenchers in the steno graphic department, a tall, eyed, extremely attractive American girl who is another gift of the American White House to the French blind. This is Miss Esther Cleveland, who is giving all her time to the work of

the Phare. Miss Cleveland is no amateur teacher of stenography. She has mastered

months in England. There are the dormitories (for this American institution is housing and feeding its men as well as re-educating them), here are the bathrooms (strange innovation in this eighteenth century abode), there is the clinic room, where minor medical attention is given where wounds are cared for. antiseptic treatments carried on; as well as the other rooms already referred to.

## Keeping Men Cheerful.

It is difficult to realize the effort required to create and maintain the heerful atmosphere of the house, which means as much for the future ealth of the men as does their careful technical re-education. Outside the classes, the institution is like a well-run club. The president of the French republic has several times given his box to the blind men at the Phare, and they often go out to the theater and the Opera Comique. Owners of automobiles send their cars to take the blind out for long, exhilarating drives.

The blind men have a club of their own where they discuss all manner of topics and enjoy music and recitations. of them go for horseback rides in the Bois, and others, on their vacations, have found themselves so benefited by the tonic, healthgiving atmosphere of the Phare that they have een able joyfully to take up again old delights of swimming and fish-

Here is an American woman who has left a big American philanthropic enterprise and given a solid year of her life to alleviating the misery caused ide the sightless heroes out for a by the war in which her country has officially no part. Here is a comparaby park. Through this room pass tively small committee of American men and women who, without dipping writing, Braille reading and writing, into any of the funds raised by the been able to raise money enough to ful industry as it can never have start and carry on the work you have

## FROM MENA

The United States has 380 pinno fac-

can filing cabinets. Argentina is not taking kindly to

One hundred and fifty aristocratic foreign soft drinks. Australia's pearl fishing industry is to govern Chile. being held up by the war. A scoop which is also a scale has

been invented by a man in Mobile, Ala. Three breweries went out of busi-An airplane with seven planes arss in St. Louis within 30 days last ranged in a semicircle is claimed by its

EXCHANGES Holland offers a market for Ameri-China is once more offering a profit-

The scraphine was a keyed musical families of Spanish descent are said instrument now obsolete, which preceded the harmonium.

able market for American metals.

of German invention is made of saw-dust and chloride of magnesium.

An airplane with careful and chloride of magnesium.

An airplane with careful and chloride of magnesium. ophone pole three times.

Pink bollworms have increased the

severity of their attacks on this year's French inventor to be perfectly stable, cotton crop in Egypt,